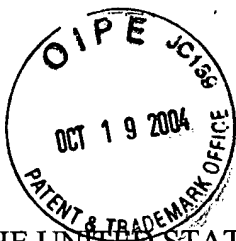


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KAZUOMI OISHI) Examiner: A. Caldwell
Application No.: 09/222,846) Group Art Unit: 2137
Filed: December 30, 1998)
For: IMAGE INPUT APPARATUS,)
IMAGE INPUT METHOD,)
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND)
ENCRYPTION PROCESSING)
PROGRAM STORED IN)
COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEDIUM) October 18, 2004

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004 for three months from August 4, 2004 to November 4, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$980.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

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